

# Patriot's Pride

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## MESSAGE FROM PATRIOT 6

Holiday Greetings to Patriot Soldiers and Families! We are finishing up a very busy year. You should all be very proud of what our great team has accomplished. From training the first National Guard division to deploy to Iraq, to supporting the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, to training a variety of other Iraq-bound units here and at Dix, to supporting two National Guard NTC rotations, to training or supporting Reserve Component units across the Northeast. Patriot Soldiers have made a huge impact in preparing Soldiers, leaders and units for success in Iraq. After all that work, we will be taking some well deserved time off this holiday season with our Families. First Army and FORSCOM commanders have adjusted mobilization and deployment schedules to reduce training loads over the Christmas and New Years period, so that the training supporters can recharge and enjoy some quality Family time.

Since the last Newsletter in September, units we have trained at Drum have assumed their missions in Iraq and Kuwait or continued to take the fight to the enemy. Two transportation companies are doing extremely well in keeping the red line express open and Multi-national Corps-Iraq sustained and running. The Soldiers of 2-108 IN (NYARNG) participated in tough street fighting to route out insurgents in Samarra along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, in October-November. That was their last major combat action before being relieved in place in December. We expect them to return to demobilize at Drum in January. We all look forward to welcoming them home after a year of great success as one of 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division's best Infantry Battalions. 143 ASG is now the Joint ASG managing life support and security in Baghdad's International Zone. 1297 CS Bn is established in the MNC-West Area of Operations - AO (I MEF) organizing and controlling support to the Marines west of Fallujah. 395 QM Bn is in Camp Victory, Kuwait, taking care of demobilizing Soldiers returning from OIF (including 2-108 IN). Finally, 1-172 FA Bn, just deployed to take over RAOC duties in MND-South at Talil Air Base in the



(Italian) Multinational Brigade AO. They all represent a piece of the Patriot Brigade fighting or supporting the fight all over Iraq. Keep these Soldiers and their Families in your prayers.

**Looking back.** These past few months, we've continued to support training at Drum for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and several units (395 QM, 1297 CS Bn, 143 ASG, 1-172 FA Bn), who have since departed for their missions. 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division deployed its Torch and Advon Parties as well as their DIVARTY and EN Brigade HQs. The remainder will deploy early in the new year. As training at Drum tapered in November we deployed 3-314 FA Bn and many OC-Ts from MAT Drum to support training at Dix. At Dix, TF 3-314 has been training Urban Operations and Defense Live Fire. They have significantly improved the quality of training and were commended during a recent visit of the acting First Army Command Sergeant Major. They have also done a great deal to help 5/78 TSB improve their training coordination. While continuing to train 42<sup>nd</sup> ID fillers 3-309 CS/CSS Bn has simultaneously developed and overseen the construction of Drum's first Forward Operating Base. With help from Drum Department of Public Works and Watertown's 479 EN Battalion, 3-309 has made great strides in developing a quality training venue that will eventually be home for up to 1000 Soldiers training for deployment at Drum.

During this period the Brigade HQs deployed to West Point to participate in a FORSCOM Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise of a Quick Reaction Force. The exercise simulated a threat to West Point and to a US Mint and involved the deployment of an airborne battalion (3-325 AIR) from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, which the Brigade controlled in its Defense Coordination Element role. We also deployed some 9 Soldiers to two NTC Rotations designed to validate two National Guard Brigade Combat Teams mobilized in the First Army AO. Our OC-Ts were uniformly commended for their professionalism. We welcomed home 10 Soldiers who have been deployed to Iraq over the last year, 9 with CMATT (1-309, 3-309, 2-310, 3-310, 3-313)

and 1 (SFC Tuliau - 3-314 FA) with MNC-I as a temporary 42<sup>nd</sup> ID LNO.

We took a short respite in early October to bring the leadership of the Patriot Brigade together at an Off-Site conference in Albany, NY. The purpose was to assess ourselves and gather ideas on how to make us better at doing our mission and taking care of our Soldiers and Families. The results of the Off-Site have been captured in an interim Campaign Plan that is under study and will be published in early January. Unit Commanders and S3s conducted training support planning for Training Years 2005-2006 in a succession of Brigade and Division Conferences in October and November. We also sent a number of representatives to the 78<sup>th</sup> Division Association Reunion in Biloxi, Mississippi, in November. 3 Officers and 3 NCOs from Devens, Drum and Syracuse interacted with World War II Veterans and their Families. The Veterans and Families were extremely supportive of our participation and went out of their way to express their thanks for what we are doing for the Army and Nation.

Since our last newsletter we have had a few significant key leader changes. First and foremost, 1-309 CS/CSS Bn, stationed at Dix, was transferred to 5/78 TSB on 1 December. The move is part of a greater plan to put all TSBns at Dix under one flag. Initially, the 5/78 TSB, and eventually a re-activated 3/78 TSB. Our loss is 5/78 TSB's gain. We wish the Wolfpack continued success. The most significant HQs change was the retirement of our Brigade CSM, CSM Billy Carter. We bade farewell to CSM Carter and his wife Frankie in several ceremonies, which duly honored their great service to our Brigade and our Army. We welcome CSM Michael Bolduc, 3-310 CSM, as our interim Brigade CSM and CPT Chris and Mrs. Nancy Robinson to the Brigade S2.

Additionally, a number of great Patriot Officers and NCOs were selected for promotion. Please see the Honors Section later in the Newsletter. A hearty Congratulations to them all!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade has been busy over the past months with the recent mobilization and demobilization of our reserve soldiers. We have had 81 soldiers mobilized this period and 22 of our soldiers have extended from the past year mobilization. We have had 10 soldiers from this past summer demobilize while 4 are currently in the demobilization process.

Looking ahead. During the winter mobilization break through February 2005 we will continue to provide support to our sister brigade, 5/78 TSB and MATDIX, for these mobilizations. TF 1-314 will deploy just after New Years and remain through February, when we expect a temporary lull in mobilization load. In the meantime, units at Drum will prepare to receive a new OIF IV load in March. We will continue to improve the FOB, build mock villages to replicate Iraqi towns, revamp tactical training and prepare a number of quality training improvements to mobilization training. While TSBns are decisively engaged in the latter, some in the Brigade HQs will participate in a Region I (New England) Table Top Exercise of key players for Defense Support to Civil Authorities. The Brigade HQs will also conduct an internal command post exercise in Connecticut, Patriot Defense, in February, as part of our preparation for an EXEVAL by First Army in April.

In summary, we continue to be gainfully employed and decisively engaged. We are making a huge contribution to our Army's mission at home and abroad. I thank you for all you are doing for your Patriot Soldiers, the Patriot Brigade, the Lightning Division and our Army. Your hard work and sacrifices are appreciated and continue to make a difference in keeping America safe and strong. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

COL Skip Davis  
Patriot 6  
*Patriots!*

## MESSAGE FROM PATRIOT 7



Patriots,

I'd like to start by saying Thank You to all the Soldiers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade for your encouragement and support since the 19 November "Change of Responsibility" with CSM Billy Carter.

CSM Carter led this Brigade as the most Senior Noncommissioned Officer for the last 4 plus years. I would like to take the opportunity to represent the Brigade in saying "Good Luck to you, your wife Frankie and both of your children".

Since hitting the ground, I visited Camp Shelby MS., Devens RFTA MA., Ft. Dix. NJ, Ft. Irwin CA., and met with numerous Soldiers and units here at Ft. Drum NY. All these locations have 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Soldiers working there. These Soldiers have represented this Brigade admirably. I'd like to recognize SGM Salinas and the rest of the 3-314<sup>th</sup> for the outstanding training they are conducting at Ft. Dix.

The Brigade has just mobilized approximately 90 Soldiers, to these Soldiers, welcome aboard. I look forward to serving with all of you. Our mission is one of great importance, these mobilizing units look to us for the critical training that may save a Soldiers life. Start Preparing Now.

Congratulations to SFC Jeffrey Mittman 1-314<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> BDE NCO of the Quarter.

Great job from all the competitors. The 94<sup>th</sup> RRC released its promotion list, Congratulations to MSG Christopher Crow 3-310<sup>th</sup>, SFC Joseph Taylor 2-310<sup>th</sup>, SFC George Doolin 3-313<sup>th</sup>, each of these Soldiers will remain with the Patriot Brigade. The 77<sup>th</sup> RRC promotion board took place the week of 06 December, as soon as the Command releases its results, I will let the Battalions know.

In closing, I wish you Soldiers and your families a joyous holiday season.

Be Smart - Be Safe,

Patriot 7

## BRIGADE MINISTRY TEAM

Greetings from 2nd Brigade Unit Ministry Team:  
Chaplain (LTC) Walter McGehee and SFC Reinhart Meyers

### The Story of the Candy Cane

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a reminder to others about Christ, so he made the **Christmas Candy Cane**. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy, White to symbolize the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God.

The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the beloved name of his Savior Jesus, who came to earth to die on our behalf.

It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down into the world to lift out the fallen lambs that, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging by whips Jesus received. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross where He died to pay for our sins so that all who trust in Him could have eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane, a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the meaning is still there for those who "have eyes to see and ears to hear". I am sure that the candy maker would love to have this symbol again be used to remind people of the wonder of Jesus and His GREAT LOVE that came down at Christmas and remains the ultimate force in the universe today.

It is written, "So then, as the one sin condemned all mankind, in the same way the one righteous act sets all mankind free and gives them life!"  
(ROMANS 5:18)

Please consider what God can do in your life! If there is anything we can do for you please call Chaplain McGehee at 607-785-5801, or SFC Meyers at 315-772-6136, Office in Bldg T321, or Home at 315-493-1016 or e-mail to [rmeyers1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:rmeyers1@twcny.rr.com).

**We Thank you for your support**

## FAMILY READINESS

Patriot Brigade FRG

Points of Contact:

78 <sup>th</sup> TSB:	Chuck Chapman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde/78 TSB:	Lee Shattuck
HHD:	Kristi Bice
1-314 IN:	Jackie Sharpe
3-314 FA:	Sylvia James
3-309 CS/CSS:	Susan Jennejohn
2-310 CS/CSS:	Robert Navin
3-310 CS/CSS:	Hulya Gallagher
3-313 LSB:	Karen Brown

Purpose. To allow the Command's FRG Volunteer Leaders to meet, to share ideas, discuss priorities, goals, and develop possible AFAP issues for the Division.

Key Tasks: Understand AFAP process and how to write an AFAP issue, Inform / assist Brigades / Division in development / sustainment of quality Family Readiness Groups (FRG), Increase networking through group meeting.

End State: FRG Leaders and Family Readiness Liaisons gain clear understanding of Division's Family Readiness priorities, AFAP process and strengthen communications and networking

### AFAP ARTICLE

The Army Family Action Plan Officials have recently identified 39 community issues in the annual conference on post. Issues that can not be addressed locally are sent for FORSCOM for review and resolution. Below are some of the issues addressed and the response:

**Issue:** The smoking policy is not enforced on post.

**Response:** Remind community members that smoking is not allowed within 50 feet of entranceways. Nonsmoking signs will be placed for reminders.



**Issue:** Residents living off post are confused about privatization and property management issues.

**Response:** Army Community housing is leased and not Government owned. Please refer to the Resident's Guide to Family Housing handbook for rules and policies.

**Issue:** There is a need for locator maps to help newcomers find their way around post.

**Response:** MWR trifold maps are available at Army Community Service and are included in each welcome packet

**Issue:** Weekly garbage pickup is inadequate

**Response:** A third trash can is available upon request

**Issue:** A crosswalk from Clark Hall to the PX is very dangerous.

**Response:** A project is underway to provide either a full traffic intersection signal or flashing yellow lights with signs.

**Issue:** Produce arriving from Boston is not very appealing by the time it gets to Fort Drum.

**Response:** The Commissary management is working on renovating the refrigeration system. Produce is mandated to be purchased through Boston. The Fort Drum commissary has request to be part of a test to obtain produce through a private company at the same savings.

**Issue:** Commissary hours are insufficient

**Response:** Funding is not available for extending hours more that not already provided.

**Issue:** There are no fire extinguishers in government quarters.

**Response:** Army Regulation 420-90 does not allow a fire extinguisher to be furnished. A quick evacuation and notification to the fire department will save lives and ensure a quick response.

### **The Army Well-Being Liaison Office (WBLO)**

The Army has a web site that is specifically established for the well being of all Soldiers, civilians, Retirees, and Veterans as well as their Family Members. The site can be accessed at [www.wblo.org](http://www.wblo.org). All Soldiers and families are

encouraged to enter the site and register as it is a tremendous resource especially during these times of deployments and mobilizations.

## **ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING**

The Army Family Team Building (AFTB) program is designed to help empower Army families through personal and family preparedness training, which enhances overall Army readiness. AFTB helps families adapt to Army life by providing information about the resources available to Soldiers and Army Family Members.

All newcomers and their Family Members are encouraged to attend Fort Drum's ACS Welcome Tour that explores the Fort Drum/Watertown area. The tour departs from the Fort Drum Inn, P-4205. Reservations are recommended. 772-6556/6557. The December dates for this tour are:

December 14 . . . 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Training sessions are held on a regular basis for commanders, spouses, and Dependents. Some upcoming training seminars in the Patriot Brigade region for the next few months are listed below. For more information and to verify training dates and times, please contact the AFTB program coordinators listed below.

Additionally AFTB Level I and II training are offered online in both English and Spanish at <http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.com>. All you need to do is click the "Online Training" link to register for access.

### **Training Opportunities**

**Fort Drum, NY:** AFTB program coordinator is Rena Tumbleson, (315) 772-6710. Please join the Fort Drum Community in commemorating the AFTBs 10<sup>TH</sup> Birthday. The event will be at the ACS Pine Plains Complex on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30 PM.

**Devens RFTA, MA:** AFTB coordinator is Tony Esposito, (978) 796-3023. Please call him for additional information.

## MORALE, WELFARE, and RECREATION

As we move into the Winter Season MWR offers a variety of cost savings for events, hunting and fishing licensing, training, and information. The Fort Drum MWR office can be contacted at (315) 772-5685. Fort Drum's MWR website is at [www.drum.army.mil/dca/index.htm](http://www.drum.army.mil/dca/index.htm). Fort Devens MWR Activities can be found at [http://www.devens.army.mil/For\\_the\\_Community/Community.htm](http://www.devens.army.mil/For_the_Community/Community.htm). Fort Dix MWR can be found at <http://www.dixmwr.com/index.htm>. You can also download the latest copy of their monthly MWR magazine "PREVIEW" by clicking on the "Upcoming Classes & Events Link."

The below listed Drum MWR activities are for your convenience:

### **"Lights on the Lake" Trip on Onondaga Lake Park December 18, 4-11 PM**

Take a trip with us - first for dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse, then enjoy a drive-through tour at Onondaga Lake Park to view the thousands of Christmas lights on display. We plan to return to Fort Drum between 10 & 11 PM. Cost: \$6 per person (bring money for dinner). Register and pay by December 15

### **New Year's in New York**

December 31 - January 2.

Depart 7 am the 31<sup>st</sup>, return by 9pm the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Plan on arriving in New York City at approximately 2 pm for check-in at The Soldier's Club. There is no set schedule for sightseeing - check out the city however you decide!

#### **Cost of registration: \$90 per person**

(includes transportation and 2-nights stay at the Soldier's, Sailor's, Marine's and Airmen's Club. \$50 non-refundable deposit due upon registration, balance due by December 10)

### **Downhill Ski Discount Vouchers**

Get your discounted ski lift vouchers from Parks and Recreation for a day lift pass for Dry Hill Ski Area as well as other surrounding areas.

### **Winter Ski & Sport Equipment**

Get everything you need for Winter sports from the Equipment Issue Center. Hours of Operation

are Mon-Fri: 10 am - 5:30 pm, Sat: 8-3:30, Sun Closed.

### **Discount Tickets**

The MWR travel Center has discount tickets available for many local as well as out of state attractions, such as Disney. Out-of-state tickets ordered by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (with payment) should arrive within 7 business days. Local tickets are available daily.



### **Cruise Line Vacations**

Come in and check out the cruiseline vacations and all inclusive resorts. Available at discounted rates!

## BRIGADE HIGHLIGHTS

Below are some photos from the 78<sup>th</sup> Division Reunion in Biloxi, MS. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade attendees were CPT Jones (1-309), CPT Jacobs (2-310), CSM Bolduc (3-310), SFC Mittman (1-314), SSG Newhook (3-309). More pictures are also located on the Bde folder at Fort Drum (78<sup>th</sup> Div Reunion)



Attendees and Red Gonzales (309 Inf & Member Secretary)



CSM Bolduc and 309 Inf Veteran



CPT Davis, Bud Green (VP), Charles Augustine (Pres), Red Gonzalez (Sec)



COL Davis, Bud Green (VP), Charles Augustine (Pres), Red Gonzales (Sec)



COL Davis and 309 Inf Veterans

Below is a letter from Budford Green whom attended the reunion to Col Davis:

Dear Col. Davis:

I want to thank you very much for the DVD, *Lighting Strikes Twice*. In WW2, I joined the 78th in the summer of 1942, fresh from Ft Sill. I was lucky I stayed with the Division from then until Berlin. I feel it is one of the greatest Army Division in our Country. We did not get a lot of news out about what we did in WW2 but we did a lot in ending that war.

I also want to thank you for attending our Division Association Meeting. We have had many more at our previous reunions but we are all getting older.

You can be proud you are in the 78th and I am proud to have met you.

I served my 31/2 years with the 903rd Field Artillery Headquarters Battery as a Wire Sgt.

Look forward to meeting you again at some time. Good Luck and take care of yourself and your men.

Budford Green

### **2nd Brigade Soldiers participate in the Army's Ten Miler**

Some of our own have recently participated in the Army's Ten Miler. COL Davis, LTC James, MAJ Hinrichs, and CPT Ackerman participated. At the end of the run Major General Erck and Command Sergeant Major Lowry congratulated all 78<sup>th</sup> Division runners.

The Army Ten Miler is an honorary event held every year in Washington D.C at the Pentagon. This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A participating Soldier needs to be in great shape to compete in this event and our congratulations are in order for our Soldiers that participated in the elite event.





The members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade honored CSM Carter for a distinguished career during a farewell ceremony and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Change of Responsibility Ceremony.

CSM Carter will be enjoying some transition leave during the holidays in preparation for a well deserved retirement in March. CSM Carter has contributed enormously to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade and will be missed by all.

### Brigade Holiday Party

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment held their annual Holiday Party on 4 December 2004. The party had a great turn out and was enjoyed by all.

Special thanks go to CPT Bice, MSG Turner, MSG Pierre, and all of the HHD Soldiers and spouses that contributed to the event to make it a great success.

Below are just a few of the pictures from the party:



## BATTALIONS

### 1-314<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion

#### Seasons greetings from 1-314<sup>th</sup> Infantry!

As we enter the Christmas season I would like to extend all of you happy holidays. As we wind up 2004, I want to reflect on this past year's events and to look beyond the horizon and see what's in store for us over the next few months.

Last year our training support started right after Christmas 2003 with C Team leading a contingent of O/C-Ts deploying down to Fort Dix in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom mobilizations. This was immediately followed in January with a mix of the battalion's O/C-Ts deploying to Dix in support of battalion-level Mission Readiness Exercises (MRX). With training completed in April the battalion took a well deserved break to get ready for the 42 ID mobilization here at Fort Drum. As many of you are well aware, the entire battalion was committed to this mission with A Team conducting Defense and Stability Operations and Support Operations (SOSO) training, C Team conducting Combat Logistical Patrol training, AT Section conducting Combat Logistical Patrol Live Fires and B Team reinforcing all. Training for the 42d ID was rigorous and lengthy but the feedback I've received from the 1A Commander on down has been superb. You can be very proud of your Soldier's performances.

At the start of next year we will return to Fort Dix for another round of mobilization training. This time we will be conducting training on Urban Operations and the defense. The battalion should be done with training in mid-February a couple of days into some schools' Winter Break. The next round of mobilization here at Fort Drum is projected to extend through the foreseeable future. I will continue to try and plan as far out as possible in order to ensure family plans can be made far enough in advance to take advantage of special offers and to properly coordinate with others.

At this time I would like to take this time to recognize our newly promoted Soldiers of the battalion: MAJ LeMay and MSG Welborn, these promotions are the result of a lot of hard work and dedication and are well deserved. Congratulations! Congratulations also go out to our Sergeant First Class' that made the Master Sergeant list: SFC Cooper, SFC Empey, SFC Ernst, SFC Fuller, SFC Marks, SFC Spears, and SFC Toms. These promotions are indicative of their hard work and dedication to their Soldiers, the Army and our country. I feel privileged to command such a great group of men.

Over the past year, we've had a few little additions to the battalion. Congratulations go out to MAJ LeMay and wife Hanida on the birth of their new baby girl, Alexandria, on 25 October 2004; SFC Walters and his wife on the birth of their new baby boy, Peyton, on 23 July 2004; SFC VanGorder and his wife on the birth of their new baby girl, Emily, on 27 September 2004; CPT Sabala and his wife on the birth of their new baby girl, Emily, on 25 July 2004.

I'd also like to welcome the following to the battalion: Captain Marc Cloutier; SFC Johnnie Fuller and spouse Cathy; SFC Gregory Spears and spouse Barbara; SFC Ricardo Grant and spouse Laura; SFC Jeffery Froelich and spouse Dori-Ann; SFC Timothy Radar and spouse Stefani; SFC Carl McDonald and spouse Mehtap; SFC Thomas Holley and spouse Lila Holle

Happy Holidays from the Commando Battalion!

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### 3-309<sup>th</sup> CS/CSS Battalion

#### Patriot Brigade Brings Iraq Experience to Ft Drum

Three weeks ago, the Fort Drum Mobilization Assistance Team (MAT), 3-309<sup>th</sup> Training Support Battalion, began converting Training Area 5A into a real-world Forward Operating Base (FOB). The Observer Controllers



assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 78<sup>th</sup> Division have been fully engaged in the mobilization of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, but have recently begun directing construction efforts on the new FOB. The final blueprint employs current FOB designs while drawing on the actual deployment experiences of Patriot Brigade Soldiers.

With no organic engineer equipment of its own, the MAT has been utilizing volunteer construction efforts to meet its goals. Recently Fort Drum DPW provided earth moving equipment allowing the MAT to construct a vehicle search lane and DPW to conduct operator training. Similarly, the NY National Guard's 479<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion in Watertown erected the entry control point and portions of the perimeter berm. This permitted the 479<sup>th</sup> a great training opportunity and the MAT some much needed earth moving. Future drills are sure to reinforce these cooperative relationships and complete the majority of needed construction.

The FOB will provide an immediate 'theater-like experience' from the moment Soldiers step off the bus at the mobilization station. Soldiers will enter the FOB through an entry control point surrounded by concertina, guard towers, and 12' berms, just as in Iraq or Afghanistan. They will live in a tent-city, occupy earth and concrete shelters, and man guard towers. The Soldiers will then train for up to two weeks under the conditions they will see in theater.

The MAT will train Soldiers on numerous individual tasks while simultaneously training unit leadership to plan and react accordingly. Reaction to indirect fire, vehicle and personnel searches, FOB defense and operation, casualty evacuation procedures, 9-line MEDEVAC and several other missions can be trained in a short period under the most realistic of conditions. The Patriot Brigade will have the 'theater immersion' vision of Lt. Gen. Russell L.



Honoré,  
Commanding  
General First U.S.  
Army, available for  
training by April of  
2005.

by

Captain Bryan P. Bettley, United States Army,  
Corps of Engineers, FOB 5A Project OIC  
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### 3-314<sup>th</sup> FA Battalion

3-314<sup>th</sup> deployed to Ft Dix New Jersey on October 9, 2004 to support 5<sup>th</sup> Bde 78<sup>th</sup> Division's training of mobilized Soldiers. Upon our arrival we organized the Battalion into two teams. One team responsible for Urban Operations training and the other responsible for the defensive live fire exercise. We have worked every day since our arrival except for Thanksgiving Day. We teach units how to enter and clear rooms, move thru urban terrain and react to snipers on the Urban Operations lane, and fire control, fire distribution, and engagement priorities on the defensive lane. Many units participating in the training have never done anything similar to this training because they are Ordnance, Quartermaster, Artillery and Armor units. However, in times of war every Soldier must be prepared for the unexpected and that is why we ensure all units we train are capable and confident in their combat skills.

We were disappointed we could not return to Fort Drum for Thanksgiving but the Battalion is our second family and we celebrated together, knowing we are training Soldiers that will soon deploy into harms way and require the skills we are capable of providing. SGM Salinas, SFC (P) Trundle and Kassie Hinrichs went to the commissary the day before Thanksgiving and purchased all necessary fixings for a great feast. Luckily, the Doughboy Inn at Ft Dix has a community kitchen which we occupied and began preparing our meal. LTC James won the award as the best apple peeler in the Battalion. SGM Salinas stayed up into the late hours preparing his special concoctions and thawing out two turkeys in his bathtub. Thanksgiving morning began with the SGM putting the turkeys and hams in the oven while another group played golf at the Ft Dix Fountain Green golf course. Throughout the morning MAJ Hinrichs and SFC (P) Trundle were on basting duty every 30 minutes resulting in golden brown turkeys and tasty hams. At 1300 a delicious spread of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, broccoli and cheese, rolls, pumpkin and apple pies



were served for all to enjoy. SFC Bryant and his daughter Jada both gave the chef's two thumbs up for their enjoyable Thanksgiving dinner. MAJ Carr voted with his feet going back for seconds and thirds. It was a delicious meal and enjoyable day of watching football (especially University of Connecticut's win) strengthening friendships and camaraderie, but all hope to spend next Thanksgiving at home.

#### Photos for 3-314<sup>TH</sup> FA BN at Fort Dix



## QUARTERLY UPDATE

### Finance Service to phase in new pay system

Starting next March, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will phase in a new, more reliable and effective pay system for the military. The new system is the Forward Compatible Payroll or FCP. It provides an easy-to-understand Leave and Earnings Statement and instantaneous adjustments to pay records.

The system will be phased in for the Army Reserve and National Guard in March. The active duty Army will see it in July.

The news of the new FCP system is great news for everyone but especially for the Army Reserve and National Guard. DFAS will no longer have two systems under the current and cumbersome 1960s DJMS system. FCP will handle it all with an easy-to-read LES. Soldiers mobilized will be quickly changed in the system to get the same interaction with "MyPay" as active duty Soldiers enjoy.

Reservist activated longer than 30 days will be able to use MyPay to make payroll allotments.

### Reserve Component Family Members are Covered

When the RC sponsor is on orders (for more than 30 consecutive days, in support of a contingency operation), his/her family's health and dental care needs are covered under several TRICARE options: TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Extra, TRICARE Prime, and TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM), and the TRICARE Dental Program and the TRICARE Pharmacy Program.

Family Members of RC members become eligible for TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra on the first day of the sponsor's orders if his/her orders are for more than 30 consecutive days or if the orders are for an indefinite period. They also become eligible for the Pharmacy Program, and they may have prescriptions filled at the MTF pharmacy, at retail pharmacies, or through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy.

(Excerpt from Tricare web site)

For More information and eligibility refer to [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve)

### Applications for Retiree Recall

The Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, Headquarters, United States Army Reserve Command has issued guidance in regards to new regulations concerning voluntary recall from Retiree status. A Letter from Colonel Earley is attached to introduce the new guidance. The G1 has also provided the below requirements:

1. You must apply through the unit that you wish to join.
2. Prepare a memorandum outlining why you need to be recalled.
3. Provide the following documentation:
  - a. Medical exam taken within last year and reviewed by an Army Surgeon. Include all age appropriate lab work if possible.
  - b. APFT card with HT/WT information taken within last year (if available)
  - c. Resume and 2-1 Personnel Qualification Record (PQR).



d. DA Form 7349 - Initial Medical Review-Annual Medical Certification. If not currently on active duty, only fill out the front side.

e. DA Form 160-R - Request for Active Duty. Form should include the following statements in the remarks:

1) I (am)(am not) in receipt of disability compensation. Enter the amount and type of disability when appropriate

2) I am willing to serve in the AGR, TPU vacancy or IMA position.

f. EPSQ for Security Clearance. On 2x Citizen web site.

g. Retirement Orders if applicable.

h. Copy of Unit mobilization orders, if going to a mobilized or mobilizing unit.

4. The unit commander will endorse applications from qualified Soldiers through Reserve channels to the area commander with the attachments:

a. Strong endorsement by commander that officer meets all physical requirements and is fully deployable

b. Soldier supporting documentation

c. The paragraph and line number of the AGR, TPU or IMA position.

d. Statement that the officer will be accepted for the position if transfer is approved

e. Statement that the officer is physically and otherwise qualified for the position.

f. Statement that the officer meets the body fat standards in AR 600-9, Army Weight Control Program.

5. The entire chain of command will provide strongly defined justification. Further, provide clearly detailed descriptions of critical tasks to include the impact on the unit and mission if the recall is disapproved.

6. Submit application to the following:

a. Retired Officers (AGR, TPU, IRR, and IMA) will forward applications to Commander, HRC-St Louis, ATTN: AHRC-PLM-O, 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

b. Troop Program Unit Officers (TPU) will forward applications to Commander, USARC, ATTN: AFRC-PRP-O, 1401 Deshler Street SW, Fort McPherson, GA 30330-2000

c. Active Guard Reserve Officers (AGR) currently serving will forward application to Commander, Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-ARO 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

7. Additional information of Mobilization of Retirees is available at the HRC web page: [www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/Soldierservices/mobilization/](http://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/Soldierservices/mobilization/).



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMMAND  
1401 DESHLER STREET SW  
FORT MCPHERSON, GA 30330-2000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

AFRC-PRP-O (140)

9 September 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR DCS, G-1, USARC, MSCs

SUBJECT: Applications for Retiree Recall

1. Reference:


- a. 10 U.S.C., Sections 688 and 12301.
- b. AR 601-10, "Management and Mobilization of Retired Soldiers of the Army", 30 November 1994.
- c. <https://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/soldierservices/mobilization/>.

2. In an effort to sustain our Reserve forces combating the Global War on Terrorism, LTG Helmly initiated a plan to allow Reserve officers to continue supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom after retirement in the United States Army Reserve. All MSCs will identify AGR and TPU Reserve officers, within 1-year of retirement, and encourage them to immediately submit an application for voluntarily recall. By submitting the application now, the processing can be completed to allow them to return to duty immediately after retirement.

3. LTG Helmly has noted that there are a large number of officers willing to continue military service in support of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. Retaining these officers will help fill critical manpower shortages as well as proved continuity within mobilized and deployed units.

4. The guidance for volunteering or requesting retiree recall is enclosed. Additional information is available in the above references. The Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) is the approval authority for recalling retired Army personnel. Justification must be strongly defined. Clearly spell out detailed descriptions of critical tasks to include the impact on the unit and mission if the recall is disapproved.

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MARK M. EARLEY  
Colonel, GS  
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1

## PATRIOT IMPERATIVES

The following eight imperatives are essential to realizing the vision I have for the Patriot Brigade. Each imperative is what Patriot Soldiers and Leaders are, do, or demonstrate everyday.

**Prepared, professionals always. Certified, cross-trained. Never quit before reaching the standard or accomplishing the mission. Never accept substandard.**

**Attitude - positive, enthusiastic, caring. Proud of who we are and what our unit does. Care for Family, subordinates, buddies, unit. Inspire same attitude and pride in those we train and support.**

**Trainers and training managers par excellence. Know and use FM 7-0, FM 7-1. Plan, prepare and execute doctrinally correct, challenging, realistic, performance-oriented training - safe and to standard. Use 10-step training model.**

**Role models in terms of living Army values (LDRSHIP) and Warrior Ethos, and demonstrating technical competence, physical fitness, and bearing.**

**Innovative, creative in our approach to training design and execution. Focused on combat conditions. Focused on constant improvement of unit and subordinates' skills and leadership potential.**

**O/C-Ts who know and enforce Army and unit standards - training, readiness (equipment and personnel), and safety. Effective in executing AARs and in providing oral and written feedback.**

**Team players within the Patriot Brigade. Team players with Fort Drum units and all with whom they work.**

**Subject Matter Experts who provide the units we train and support the breadth of our expertise. Always improving personal knowledge base and skills.**

## Soldiers Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

**I will always place the mission first**

**I will never accept defeat**

**I will never quit**

**I will never leave a fallen comrade**

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

## PATRIOT SOLDIER SPOTLIGHTS

The Patriot Brigade extends a well-deserved congratulations to both SFC Mittman and SSG Civellow. SFC Mittman (1-314) won the NCO of the Quarter. SSG Civellow (3-314) won Soldier of the Year for FY 2004.

Also, congratulations are in order for Ms. Toni Scott, the UA for HHD, 2/78<sup>TH</sup>. She has been awarded for completing 15 years of service as a civilian.

### Recruiting/Retention Awards

Congratulations to the below Brigade units for maintaining and recruiting quality Soldiers for our Brigade. The below listed units have received awards as indicated:

2-313<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> QTR FY04 Recruiting/Retention  
 3-313<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> QTR FY04 Recruiting  
 1-309<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> QTR FY04 Retention  
 3-310<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> QTR FY04 Retention

### Promotions

Congratulations to MAJ Boulio for being selected for promotion to LTC. MAJ Boulio is a member of HHD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade.

Congratulations to the following Non-Commissioned Officers for being selected for promotion to MSG for CY 05:

SFC Cabot, Steven	2-310
SFC Cooper, Stacy	1-314
SFC Empey, Make	1-314
SFC Ernst, Dale	1-314
SFC Fink, Jay	3-314
SFC Fuller, Johnnie	1-314
SFC Marks, David	1-314
SFC Reiches, Steven	HHD
SFC Spears, Gregory	1-314
SFC Toms, Paul	1-314

SFC Trundle, Timothy	3-314
SFC Tuliau, Tulsa T.	3-314
SFC Windsor, Aaron	3-309

Congratulations to the following Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers for being promoted over the last quarter:

#### To LTC

MAJ Shattuck, John	HHD	1 DEC 04
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#### To MAJ

CPT Carr, William	3-314	1 Oct 04
CPT Lemay, Richard	1-314	1 Oct 04
CPT Norton, Jason	2-310	1 Oct 04
CPT Weaver, Warren	1-314	1 Oct 04
CPT Bogley, Megan	3-309	1 Dec 04
CPT Matthie, Christopher	3-309	1 Dec 04

#### To MSG

SFC Cascalheira, Serafin	2-310	1 Nov 04
SFC Welborn, Michael	1-314	1 Nov 04

#### To SFC

SSG Haley, Maurice	3-314	1 Oct 04
SSG Johnson, Marcus	3-314	1 Oct 04
SSG Greenleaf, Kendall	3-309	1 Nov 04
SSG Padilla, Reynaldo	3-314	1 Nov 04

#### Retirements

The Brigade also says a bittersweet good-bye to the following Old Soldiers who have already, or will retire over the next few months. We thank them for their dedicated years of service to the Nation and wish them and their families Godspeed and all the best and as they leave the Army for civilian life.

CSM Carter (HHD)  
 MSG Holloran (HHD)  
 SFC Krabbe (1-314)  
 CPT Eloi (2-310)



We offer a fond farewell and best wishes to the below listed Soldiers on their next assignment:

SFC Atkinson (1-314)  
SFC Adams (3-314)  
SFC Franklin (1-314)  
MAJ Weaver (1-314)  
SFC Ross (1-314)  
CPT Seeber (HHD)  
SSG Voisard (1-314)  
MSG Florian (1-314)

Congratulations to the Soldiers below that have returned from a Coalition Mobilization Assistance Training Team (CMATT) deployment.

3-309  
CPT Helmer  
MSG Harmatiuk  
SFC Limberg  
SFC Tomb  
SFC Call

2-310  
MSG Giordano  
SFC Lang

1LT SantaMaria from 2-310<sup>th</sup> is still deployed and expected to return in February. SFC O'Hagan from 3-310<sup>th</sup> is also still deployed and expected back around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. We wish them a safe return.

Additionally, we would like to welcome back SFC(P) Tulsa Tuliau who was the 2/2d ID LNO from Iraq.

#### Helpful Web Sites:

2nd Brigade, 78th Division (TS) Homepage:

<http://www.tsb-drum.army.mil>

2nd Brigade, 78th Division Online Newsletter\*:

<http://www.tsb-drum.army.mil/jun04newsletter.pdf>

78th Division (TS) Homepage (AKO\*\*):

<https://78thdiv.us.army.mil/default.htm>

78th Division Veteran's Association:

<http://home.pon.net/gregf/78thdva/78thdiv.htm>

U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command:

<https://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/2xhome.asp>

Army Family Team Building:

<http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org/home.asp>

Army Well-Being Website.

[www.wblo.org](http://www.wblo.org)

Army One Source:

<http://www.armyonesource.com>

Fort Drum, NY Homepage:

<http://www.drum.army.mil>

Fort Devens, MA Homepage:

<http://www.devens.army.mil>

Guard and Reserve Family Toolkit:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/family/toolkit/>

#### Fort Drum Community Dates to Remember:

**16 Dec - AFTB's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Fort Drum.** Come celebrate 10 years of service. In celebration, an Open House with refreshments, door prizes, and informational displays will be hosted at the Army Community Service Building in the Pine Plains Complex. 772-6710 Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 1:30 pm

**Knitted Boa Scarf.** A class to learn this popular scarf is available for \$5. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**17 Dec - New York State Police Recruiter.** Currently accepting applications. Transitioning Soldier bring your resume. 772-3434 10-11:30 am

**Checkbook Management Class** - Avoid costly overdrafts. Learn how to balance a checkbook. 772-6894. 1-4 pm

**Dec 18 - 19 - Framing** - Learn how to cut your own mats and make your own frames. Class fee \$15 plus materials. Pre-registration is required. 772-5606. Saturday and Sunday from noon - 5 pm

**Dec 20 TAP/ACAP Job Assistance Workshop.** For Soldiers in transition. Pre-registration is required at 772-3434.

Dec 20-21 9 am - 4 pm, Dec 22 9 am - noon

**Dec 21 - Weight Instruction Class.** Held at Magrath Gym with Cross Aerobics. 9:30 am or 5:30

pm.

**Dec 22 - Gas Welding.** At the Auto Crafts Shop to teach qualification safety. Class fee is \$10. 772-5785 at 7 pm.

**Dec 27 - Newcomers Orientation & Family Medical In-Processing.** Receive valuable information on MWR programs, volunteer opportunities, employment information and more. Please bring family medical records. Held at Clard Hall, room A1-74. 772-6902 1-3 pm

**Dec 31 - Jan 1 - New Years Eve at the Commons.** Celebrate the New Year at the commons with a DJ in the Winners Circle. Busters Brew Pub is having a special New Year's menu with Blues entertainment. The ballroom will have live entertainment and a special buffet with Surf and Turf.

Winners Circle 8 pm - 2 am ... \$10

Busters Dinner 5 -10 pm with entertainment 8 - 10 am

Ballroom Buffet 6 - 9 pm with entertainment 8 - 1 am at a cost of \$30.

The information above is extracted from the Fort Drum Preview. The Preview is a MWR newspaper issued monthly and distributed free throughout the Fort Drum Community. Please pick one up regular for a complete listing of available current Fort Drum events!

\*This and previous newsletters are also available in the Army Knowledge Collaboration Center (AKCC) 2nd Bde, 78th Div Cmd community, located inside the FRG Newsletter Folder. (Requires AKO access—read below for more info).

\*\*Army Knowledge Online (AKO) access required.

To gain access, you must have a valid AKO user account. To access this link, you must already be logged into the AKO web site. The first time you access this link, you will be asked to subscribe to gain access to the online newsletter archive folder. Soldiers can sponsor their Dependents on AKO by clicking on the "Sponsor Mgmt" link under "My Account" options on AKO located on the left navigation bar.